



# KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

**June 15, 2011**

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present: Councilor Jeff Eddins

Staff Members Present: Shawn Brown, Public Safety Director; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief; Seth Lawless, Town Manager

## Discussion of Fire Department Manpower

Director Brown stated that the number of responders for fire related calls has dropped. In 2008, there was an average of 23 firefighters on scene, but in 2011 there is only an average of 13. This is partially due to the policy change that PSO's only respond to second alarms. Director Brown requested that the policy change to PSO's respond to all structure related calls and fire extractions.

Eddins inquired about the volunteers responding back to the scene.

Guffey stated that last year they had 8-10 volunteer applicants in which 7 of them were accepted. At this time none of them are still with the department

Director Brown advised using Eastern Wake Fire Department to assist us on our fire calls. Since the current Fastest Station Response was put in place they already run 1/3 of our calls.

Chief Guffey suggested using them only as the department needs help to minimize the amount of times that both stations would be tied up.

Director Brown stated that he prefers using them all the time and we can use the radios to cancel if we get to the scene and realize that no additional help is needed.

Eddins agreed and said he wanted everyone dispatched for any structure related call.

## Discussion of Citizen Police Academy

Director Brown explained that the program would start in August and would be held every Tuesday for 8 weeks. This academy will allow citizens classroom training and allow practical exercises that enlighten them to the world of policing.

Eddins stated that he would make an announcement at the Council Meeting

## Discussion of Fire Academy Offered In House

The Fire Department will be offering a Fire Academy in house. There are 7 employees that need the entire academy and 3 that have started but will finish utilizing this academy.

Discussion of 2 PSO's working as "Narcotics Enforcement"


Director Brown stated that 2 officers have been tasked with Narcotics Enforcement. They have been successful with seven arrest and \$1,500 in drug seizures in five days.

Eddins inquired about the drug issues Knightdale is facing.

Brown stated that there was a problem in Knightdale, but most of it is individuals with only small amounts. More of the larger drug problems are outside our jurisdiction.

Brown asked if there were and questions

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

  
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Committee Chairman